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Welcome to Gods Promise, I'm Dr. Kiley and I'm here to help you apply God's promise to your life.

This week we are looking at the Promise that God Is Trustworthy. Yesterday we looked at My Identity and how the promise relates to our position as a child of God. Today we are looking at the Impact of the promise when it is received and applied to our life.

The internet, television, radio, or even the magazine rack in the grocery checkout line offer an endless array of opinions on how to make life wonderful. Ignored by most people is the prescription from the most trusted Person in the universe; a proven prescription that could bring trust and happiness to the whole world.

Psalm 19:7-11 says, *"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."*

There's a line in a song that says, "But I do know that I love you And I know that if you loved me too What a wonderful world this would be." While songwriter Peter Noone concluded that his life would be blissful if his sweetheart would return his affections, King David in the Bible had a different perspective.

While it may be difficult to put the following to a catchy tune, see if these conditions wouldn't go a long way toward making a "wonderful world": The emotional life of all people is restored, revived; the naive, foolish, and morally weak become wise in all their dealings; sadness is replaced by joy in the heart; spiritual vitality is seen in the brightness of people's eyes and faces; people learn to respect and honor God; wicked acts are replaced by righteous ones; a knowledge of God's ways becomes the most valued and sought-after commodity on earth. What kind of impact would these changes make on our world? What impact would they make on you personally? These changes come about, David tells us in Psalm 19, because he internalized who God is and what God says. God is trustworthy and perfect. Therefore, if we as individuals would come to know God and act as God does, we would dispel from our lives the things that make us untrustworthy.

Our failings, our shortcomings, and our sins create disharmony in our lives and communities. If we were to begin to honor and revere all that God has revealed in His laws, statutes, precepts, commands, and ordinances, then His character would change our character.

This is not a self-improvement program. Rather, this is doing all that His Word says, receiving by faith the power of His life in us through the gift of His Holy Spirit. His Spirit provides the continuing motivation for us to accept His will in place of our own. Consider the impact of learning everything possible from the most trustworthy person we know. Since God is the most trustworthy person anyone can know, the impact of His life on ours (and ours on those around us) will be wonderful indeed.

God's Promise: He remains trustworthy because of who He is and who you can become.